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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Jean-Michel BERNARDON et al.

Application No.: 09/933,818

Filed: August 22, 2001

**For: PPAR RECEPTOR ACTIVATOR
COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING
CUTANEOUS
DISORDERS/AFFLICTIONS**

Group Art Unit 1614

Examiner: Shaojia A. Jiang, Ph.D.

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action (Requirement For Restriction) mailed December 28, 2001, in regard to the subject application, Applicants respectfully elect Compound 3, i.e., 6-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphth-2-ylsulfanyl)naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the requirement for restriction and consider, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 803, other compounds along with Compound 3 for prosecution at this time. M.P.E.P. § 803 states, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants believe it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to examine several compounds at the present time.

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Applicants respectfully elect disorders of the secretion of epidermal lipids, with traverse. Applicants maintain that it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to examine claims to several disorders at the present time.

Accordingly, modification of the requirements for restriction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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